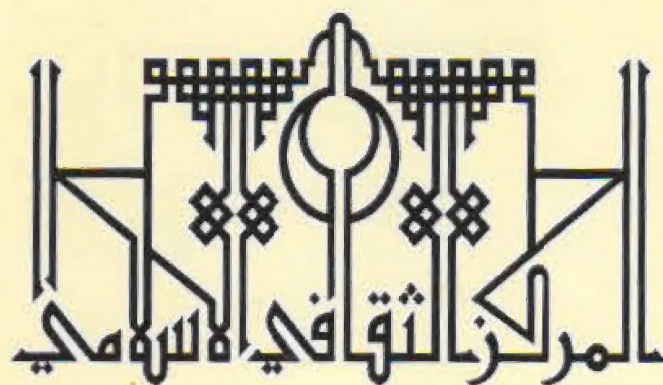


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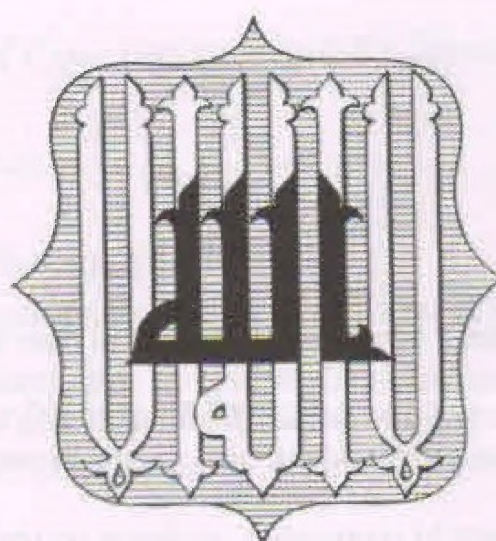
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Inspiring Examples of Co-existence and Co-operation between Jews and Muslims

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Abstract

The world regards Muslims and Jews to be bitter enemies owing to the conflict between Israel and Palestine, but there are many examples of co-existence and co-operation. This paper presents some of them in the hope of evoking compassion at the expense of enmity.

Introduction

There is a long history of conflict and violence between Jews and Muslims. In the modern world the Palestinian-Israeli conflict is the prime example of it. There are, however, some inspiring examples of co-operation and co-existence. During the Hitler War Albanian Muslims not only lived with Jews but also protected them from Nazis by hiding their identities and assimilating them into society at the risk of their own lives because such activity was a capital offence under the Nazis.

Albania

Presented here are previously unpublished stories of Albanian Muslims who saved Jewish refugees from the Shoah, notwithstanding the fact that the only the photograph of Imam Amin al-Husseini with Hitler has been shown to later generations of Jews. It is widely propagated that Muslims were the supporters of Nazis but the elites of many faiths were photographed with Hitler because of his prominence at the time. Some Catholic bishops were photographed with Hitler but one cannot conclude from this that Catholics were the supporters of Hitler.¹

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